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### **Senator Toy's legislation to help empower victims of ID theft heads to governor's desk**

**LANSING --** Legislation that would help victims of identity theft re-establish their credit was sent to the governor's desk this week, announced Senator Laura Toy, sponsor of the bill.

"Victims of identity theft often face the daunting task of re-establishing their credit, and this consumer-friendly legislation will empower people to safeguard their financial and personal safety," said Toy, R-Livonia. "This is particularly relevant in the case of our senior citizens, who unfortunately are the most vulnerable victims of such fraud."

Under Senate Bill 1384, a victim of identity theft would be entitled to a police report from the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction over the violation.

"We must protect our citizens from the deceptions of identity thieves," Toy said. "This includes stolen wallets and purses, fraudulent phone solicitations, and the illegitimate solicitation of personal information. I believe this legislation will do a great deal to defend against these crimes, not just during the holiday season, but throughout the year."

Toy also sponsored SB 794, which would enable a victim to obtain from a local prosecuting attorney a standardized certificate to legally prove they were a victim of identity theft. The legislation is awaiting the governor's signature.

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